

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 16, 23 to 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 41, and 43 to 75 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 23, 24, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 40 are independent. Claims 1, 23, and 40 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that Claims 28, 30, 32, 34, 35, and 37 were allowed. These claims have not been amended herein and thus remain in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 to 16, 23 to 26, 38 to 41, and 43 to 75 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, on the grounds that "wherein if X indicates O, said amorphous Sn•A•X alloy...from 0.05 atomic % to 5 atomic %, and wherein if X indicates F,...from 0.05 atomic % to 5 atomic %" is not disclosed. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is Applicants' understanding that Claims 24 to 26 were inadvertently included in the list of rejected claims, since these claims do not contain the claim language referred to in the Office Action.

Claims 1, 23, and 40 have been amended in a manner believed to obviate the grounds of rejection. In this regard, Applicants submit that the subject matter of these claims is supported, *inter alia*, at page 61, line 24, to page 62, line 12, of the present specification.

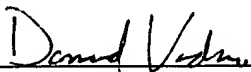
Applicants have not yet received an indication that the documents cited in the August 27, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement have been considered and made formally of record. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate her consideration

of these documents by returning an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed, for the Examiner's convenience.

No other matters being raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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		Birchon, D.: "Dictionary of Metallurgy", 1965, London XP002279165, pp. 8-9.

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